

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated September 13, 2004. Applicants have amended the claims to clarify key features of the invention and overcome claim objections. No new matter has been added, and the amendments place the claims in better condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to the claims. The discussion/arguments provided below reference the claims in their amended form.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At paragraph 2 of the present Office Action, the disclosure is objected to because of a missing serial number. Accordingly, Applicants has amended the specification and provided the missing serial number. This amendment overcomes the objections to the specification. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to the specification and removal of the objection(s).

CLAIMS OBJECTIONS

At paragraph 3 of the present Office Action, Claims 1 and 10 are objected to because of informalities. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 10 to remove the informalities and overcome the claim objections.

DOUBLE PATENTING

At paragraph 4 of the present Office Action, Claims 1-27 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No 6,636,958. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). The filing of the terminal disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection

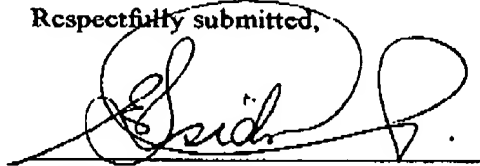
Since the claims are not subject to any other rejections, the present filing of the terminal disclaimer also places the claims in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have diligently responded to the Office Action by amending the specification to overcome an objection thereto and by amending the claims to clarify features of the invention and overcome claim objections. Applicants have further filed herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the provisional double patenting rejection. The amendments and filing of the terminal disclaimer place the claims in condition for allowance, and Applicants, therefore, respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for all claims now pending.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at 512.343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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